12. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the disqualification of Panchayat members for continued absence generally applies to that particular current Panchayat only or all or any of the future formations of that Panchayat?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The disqualification on account of removal from office is permanent unless it is removed by a specific order of the Diwan.

13. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly say how the answer to the previous question affects Mr. Kunjipockerkutty in (b) of Question No. 9 above, whether the disqualification that should have legitimately happened to him for his continued absence during the Presidentship of Panapparambil Mr. Kunjipockerkutty and of Mr. Krishnan should not stand against him in the present and future formations of the Panchayat, and what stand against the Government in enforcing the regulations now, though late?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—As the member has not been disqualified and removed, the question as to whether the disqualification will affect the member now and in future does not arise.

14. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to Question No. 13 above will the Government kindly state how they intend to improve the attendance of members in the said Panchayat?

Mr. P. V. Raphael. — By taking action against the absentee members as prescribed in the rules.

Removal of Mr. Kunjipockerkutty from Azhikod — Methala Panchayat.

15. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to Question Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 above, will the Government kindly state:—

(a) the total number of meetings of the Azhikode-Methala Panchayat that have been convened during its present tenure;

(b) of the meetings in (a) the number in which Mr. A. M. Kunjipockerkutty, a member of the Panchayat has attended;

(c) the reasons for not having removed Mr. Kunjipockerkutty of (b) from the Panchayat in accordance to the rules relating to absenting members;

(d) whether the Panchayat has not passed a resolution asking for Mr. Kunjipockerkutty's removal from the Panchayat;

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(e) whether a copy of the resolution in (d) can be placed in print on the table;

(f) the steps the Government have taken on the resolution in (d)?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(a) Four including the meeting held on 25th Kanni 1110.

(b) Nil.

(c) The matter regarding the non-attendance of the member is being enquired into and the member cannot be removed nor can any action be taken against him without sufficient reason.

(d) Yes.

(e) Copy of resolution passed at the meeting held on 14th Kanni 1110 is appended. *(Vide Appendix III.)*

(f) The matter is being enquired into.

Removal of Panchayat members for non-attendance in Panchayat meetings.

16. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state the total number of removals of Panchayat members for non-attendance in Panchayat meetings ever since the Panchayat Department was separated and the number of non-attendance in the case of each removal?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—A statement furnishing the information is appended. *(Vide Appendix IV.)* Statistics for the period prior to 1108 has not been kept.

17. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(i) Will the Government kindly state whether they have any new proposals to improve the meagre and non-enthusiastic attendance of Panchayat members in our different Panchayats; and

(ii) what the new proposals are?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(i) None.

(ii) Does not arise.

Number of Panchayat meetings from which Mr. A. M. Kunjipockerkutty absented himself.

18. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly give the total number of Panchayat meetings from which Mr. A. M. Kunjipockerkutty of some of the previous questions has absented himself during all the respective tenures of the Azhikode—Methala Panchayat ever since he became a Panchayat member?

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